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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John H. Waller  
Inspector General

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Advance Copy of Harvard University's Report of the Committee on Relationships between the Harvard Community and the Central Intelligence Agency

1. Action Suggested:

Send someone such as [ ] to meet with Mr. Daniel Steiner of Harvard at the latter's invitation and give our views on the Harvard Report. This will have PR benefit, but will probably not change the recommendations in the Report.

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Subsequent action in the form of a response will be required when, some few weeks hence, Harvard University formally requests assurances from the DCI that all CIA relationships with Harvard personnel be made known to the University authorities.

2. Background:

The Harvard Report on relations with CIA (attached) summarized below, represents the final product, soon to be published, of a Harvard committee which has been working some six months on rules governing the relationships between CIA and the Harvard Community.

Mr. Daniel Steiner, General Counsel of Harvard University, forwarded to CIA's General Counsel, Mr. Lapham, on March 9, 1977 the attached paper entitled Report of the Committee on Relationships between the Harvard Community and the Central Intelligence Agency. This represented the culmination of several months work by a committee at Harvard stimulated by recommendations appearing in the final report of the Senate Select (Church) Committee on the subject of CIA's relations with academe. While the Senate did not recommend legislation

on the subject, it had urged in its recommendations that academic institutions devise their own rules and guidelines. Harvard plans to publish this Report within two or three weeks and expects it will influence many other academic institutions to adopt similar guidelines.

Having been given my name by the General Counsel, Mr. Steiner reached me on 22 March 1977 by telephone for the purpose of eliciting some informal reaction to the Harvard Report. I thanked him warmly for his consideration in giving us an advance copy of the Report, but declined to offer any substantive comments.

Mr. Steiner stated that following publication of the Report embodying University policy toward CIA relations, Harvard would formally write the DCI requesting his assurances that all CIA contacts with the Harvard Community would be made known to the University Administration.

#### Summary of Harvard Report

Below are the guidelines reached in the Report; this serves as a good summary of the full Report which consists of discussion on the basis of which the guidelines were reached:

#### Recommended Guidelines

A. Harvard may enter into research contracts with the CIA provided that such contracts conform with Harvard's normal rules governing contracting with outside sponsors and that the existence of a contract is made public by University officials.

B. Individual members of the Harvard Community may enter into direct or indirect consulting arrangements for the CIA to provide research and analytical services. The individual should report in writing the existence of such an arrangement to the Dean of his or her Faculty, who should then inform the President of the University.

C. Any member of the Harvard Community who has an on-going relationship with the CIA as a recruiter should report that fact in writing to the Dean of the appropriate Faculty, who should inform the President of the University and the appropriate placement offices within the University. A recruiter should not give the CIA the name of another member of the Harvard Community

without the prior consent of that individual. Members of the Harvard Community whose advice is sought on a one-time or occasional basis should consider carefully whether under the circumstances it is appropriate to give the CIA the name of another member of the Harvard Community without the prior consent of the individual.

D. Members of the Harvard Community should not undertake intelligence operations for the CIA. They should not participate in propaganda activities if the activities involve lending their names and positions to gain public acceptance for materials they know to be misleading or untrue. Before undertaking any other propaganda activities, an individual should consider whether the task is consistent with his scholarly and professional obligations.

E. No member of the Harvard Community should assist the CIA in obtaining the unwitting services of another member of the Harvard Community. The University should seek assurances from the CIA that the CIA will not employ members of the Harvard Community in an unwitting manner.

F. Questions concerning the interpretation and application of these guidelines should be discussed initially with the Dean of the appropriate Faculty and, if necessary, with the President of the University or a member of his staff.

John H. Waller

Attachment - 1

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From: Daniel Steiner

HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Report of the Committee on Relationships between the  
Harvard Community and the Central Intelligence Agency

In April, 1976 the United States Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with respect to Intelligence Activities ("the Select Committee") issued its final report. In the section of the report which discussed relationships between the American academic community and the Central Intelligence Agency ("the CIA"), the Select Committee expressed its concern over some of the relationships that have existed in recent years. The Select Committee concluded that it would not recommend legislation to remedy the problems because it viewed "such legislation as both unenforceable and in itself an intrusion on the privacy and integrity of the American academic community. The [Select] Committee believes that it is the responsibility of... the American academic community to set the professional and ethical standards of its members. This report on the nature and extent of covert individual relationships with the CIA is intended to alert [the academic community] that there is a problem." (p. 191) \*


In May, 1976 President Derek C. Bok, in response to the Select Committee's report, asked each of us to serve on a Harvard committee to consider the issues raised by the Select Committee. President Bok expressed the view that the issues needed to be explored and that new rules of conduct for members of the Harvard community might be needed.

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\* All page references are to the report of the Select Committee.

Discussion

At the outset we would like to express our appreciation to the Select Committee for its consideration of the relationships between the CIA and the academic community. Some of the past relationships alluded to in the Select Committee's report do raise serious questions, and the Select Committee deserves credit for focusing attention on these questions. We appreciate also the Select Committee's forbearance in urging legislative solutions. That legislation can itself be "an intrusion on the privacy and integrity of the American academic community" (p. 191) has become painfully clear in recent years.

In writing this report and making our recommendations we are unable to be precise in describing the past relationships between the CIA and the academic community in general or members of the Harvard University community in particular. The Select Committee itself indicates that it did not have full access to CIA records for the period from 1967 to 1976. (pp. 130-1)  Certain key passages in the public version of the report of the Select Committee have been abridged for security reasons, and we have access only to the public version. Neither we nor President Bok has any specific knowledge of any covert CIA relationships with members of the Harvard community, and we have no way of determining whether any such relationship exists.

We think it is possible, however, to discuss the issues and make recommendations without having precise information on past practices. The Select Committee's report indicates some areas of concern and hints at others. By reading the report carefully and drawing reasonable inferences and by talking with a few people familiar with intelligence activities, we believe that we have identified the main problem areas and have sufficient information to

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NOTE: The following is transcribed from Admiral Turner's hand-written  
notes received by [redacted] on March 28, at 1000 hours.

Seymour

My objections to Harvard's guidelines:

Guidelines A, B, C -

Object to being treated differently  
than other government agencies or  
private business.

If intelligence is not a legitimate  
government activity, Harvard should  
so state and oppose -

Otherwise it should wrestle with  
the secrecy/ 1st Amendment con-  
tradiction just as much as rest  
of society - perhaps more - youth  
need the example of how Harvard  
would handle it - not to have Harvard  
claim exemption to one of the real,  
but difficult issues of life in a  
democratic society.

Guidelines D -

Reporting back what you happened to see  
but not looking for what CIA wants is a  
real cop out. "You can do it but don't  
get too pregnant"

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Right of privacy is involved - In atmosphere  
of McCarthyism, just revealing that your  
consulting with CIA could, and today is,  
leading to oppression -

Harvard should stand for the individual's  
rights to do what he wants, within legality -  
without possibly being subjected to external,  
public pressures.

This is like Harvard's overreaction in  
throwing out ROTC - denying some students  
the right to scholarships, military  
training, etc all because of an  
emotional outburst

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Covert CIA recruiting no worse than IBM, etc - professors don't tell who they are advising on hiring of students

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Harvard can't shield foreign students from all temptations - Harvard has an obligation to USA - USA may need some agents abroad - Harvard students are good material

What the devil did we do on campuses?

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